



DESIGN DAYS DUBAI: ILLUSION PEARL @CARWAN GALLERY



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Above: Illusion Pearl @Carwan Gallery

At the recent [Design Days Dubai](#), the [Carwan Gallery](#) presented the Illusion Pearl live performance with the designer [Khalid Shafar](#), including the opening of living oysters and the demonstration of craft techniques for working cultured pearls.

The pearl industry was once the most important activity in the United Arab Emirates and has left a rich heritage of traditions.

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Illusion Pearl @Carwan Gallery

Khalid Shafar took inspiration from today's Dubai; the dramatic city highways at night, to design a work featuring a rope weaving over walnut timber frames to produce a chair set with over 9000 cultured pearls, locally produced by the Emirati Company RAK Pearls. Goat-hair armrests add a textural element.


For more information on the [Carwan Gallery](#) and [Khalid Shafar](#)

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